

## NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

### TWELVE YEARS IN THE PRISON

The Case of Haddix of Custer County Passed Upon by the Supreme Court—Other Matters of Interest Here and There Over the State.

LINCOLN.—W. S. Haddix of Custer county, convicted of the murder of Melvin Butler, his neighbor, will have to serve twelve years in the state penitentiary for his crime, as the supreme court has upheld the lower court.

The two men resided on farms which were divided by the dividing line between Custer and Sherman counties and frequent altercations resulted over the establishment of a public highway on the dividing line. September 19, 1905, Haddix took his gun and went out in the road as Butler was coming home. The two men met and both began to shoot, with the result Butler was killed. Haddix was arrested for murder in the first degree and the jury found him guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced him to the penitentiary for twelve years. An appeal was taken to the supreme court on the grounds that the jury panel had been selected by the sheriff before he had been ordered to act by the court and because some members of the jury were opposed to capital punishment. The sheriff had selected sixty talesmen who were in the court room when the case was called. Only two of the regular panel were left and the judge ordered a new panel, which the sheriff selected from among the spectators in the room, these being the men notified to be present by the sheriff.

### STATUS OF STATE MILITIA.

Senator Burkett Introduces a Bill for the Purpose.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Burkett introduced a bill to establish the status of the Nebraska state militia. In 1864 the governor of the then territory of Nebraska was requested by the federal government to organize a regiment of volunteers to defend the "frontier," and these volunteers when organized served from August, 1864, to January, 1865, protecting the frontiers of Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas against hostile Indians. The Burkett bill provides the military organizations known as Companies A, B, C, and O, and a battery of artillery thereof of the First Nebraska volunteer militia be recognized as a regular volunteer organization of the war of the rebellion, and the officers and privates thereof, including widows and dependent children of such soldiers, be entitled to all the benefits of the pension laws as other regular volunteer organizations.

### OMAHA SUPPLY DEPOT WAITS

Secretary Taft Too Busy With Other Matters to Take Up the Question.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Millard and Congressman Kennedy had an interview with the secretary of war in relation to bills now pending to establish at Omaha a general supply depot for the quartermaster's department. This interview had been arranged before the San Francisco catastrophe and in consequence Secretary Taft was not in a position to talk of improvements of the army establishments when thousands needed help in the stricken cities of California. Although the secretary was a busy man, so busy that he asked both gentlemen to accompany him to the White house and thence to the capitol, he had time enough to say that he would take up the matter just as soon as there was a let-up in the sending of supplies and taking care of the homeless on the Pacific coast.

### A GIFT FOR YORK COLLEGE.

Carnegie Offers to Donate Sum of \$10,000.

YORK.—Andrew Carnegie has promised to give York college \$10,000 to increase its endowment fund, on condition that its friends collect \$40,000 more in cash and realizable securities for the same purpose. The executive board has accepted the proposition and will strive to meet it.

York college is a vigorous and growing institution. The location is fine and the attendance for the present year is 449. It is a school of the United Brethren denomination.

HARRISON.—A suit has been instituted in the district court of Sioux county against F. B. De Freese, special agent of the United States land office at Alliance, by Samuel Chrisman for the recovery of \$1,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff by reason of having his homestead recommended for cancellation to the interior department by De Freese.

AUBURN.—W. H. Lorraine of this city, who was a soldier in the Mexican war, has had his pension increased from \$12 to \$20 per month.

Normal Building Accepted. At its meeting held at Peru the State Normal board accepted the new chapel building, but will not turn over the warrant for \$6,000 yet due the contractor until he produces receipts showing he has paid all of the workmen and for all of the supplies.

GENEVA.—Edward Terrel has mysteriously disappeared and has not been accounted for as yet. He left saying he was going to the mill, and has not been seen since. He had no troubles to worry him.

Bankers Union Refused License. The Bankers' Union, an insurance company of Omaha, has been refused a license to do business by Insurance Deputy Pierce. Inasmuch as any action by Pierce has to be endorsed by Auditor Searle before it becomes effective, Pierce refused to state his reasons for prohibiting the order to do business in Nebraska.

WORFOLK.—Jeff Hallatt was bound over at Lynch for shooting his neighbor, Collins, who was shot in the head and may die.

### OVER THE STATE.

The Elks have instituted a lodge at York.

The lid is on at Nebraska City, and no saloons are allowed to do business on Sunday.

Quite a number of farmers living near Beatrice are busily engaged in improving the roads leading to that city by means of a drag.

Carpenters and stone masons are in big demand at Sidney. There will be several buildings erected as soon as the necessary workmen can be obtained.

About forty merchants, representing most of the towns of northeast Nebraska, met at Emerson and organized the Northeast Nebraska Retailers' association.

At Beatrice arrangements have been nearly completed for the University Cadet encampment which will in all probability be held here the latter part of May.

The Nebraska Creamery company has been organized with a capital stock of \$20,000 and articles of incorporation have been filed with Secretary of State Galusha.

Mike Ward, an old settler north of Seward, was brought before the examining board for insanity, and was adjudged insane, and was taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

Alumni of the State university have arranged for a celebration at the state farm June 13. Will O. Jones, editor of the State Journal, will deliver the alumni day oration.

Thomas Allen, an employee of the Northwestern Railroad company in the supply yards at Fremont had his hip and leg broken by being struck by a heavy timber in the yards.

At Adams the residence of Mrs. M. J. Killens was badly burned, the kitchen being destroyed and the woodwork and furniture being ruined, entailing a loss of \$500 to \$600.

Walter Carlson, of near Ragan, was instantly killed by the giving away of a bridge which he was crossing on a traction engine. It was a new iron bridge and just opened for travel.

A little excitement was created in Table Rock by the village marshal and a posse of men and boys pursuing a dog manifesting all the symptoms of hydrophobia. The canine was killed.

William Searson, residing east of Alda, found a man along the right-of-way of the Union Pacific railroad four miles east of there, evidently hurt from falling off a train. He died soon after being found.

There is excitement at Hooper over the finding of the fully developed body of a newly-born child in an empty yeast foam box west of that town. School children found the body while picking flowers.

The effort to perfect the Young Men's Christian association at Wymore was a failure because of differences of opinion as to the method of governing the organization. Another trial will be made soon.

The Ashland branch of the Great Northern has issued its first time table. A mixed train will make a round trip each day between Ashland and Fremont, leaving Ashland in the morning and returning shortly after noon.

Judge Silas A. Holcomb has formed a partnership with Lester E. Kirkpatrick of Seattle, Wash., for the practice of law and will not return to Lincoln to make his home as long as his health continues to improve in the western city.

Six brothers named Farmer, living near Ashland, are probably the largest and heaviest men of one family in the state of Nebraska. The total weight of the six is 1,280 pounds, making the average weight 213 1/3 pounds. The six brothers visited Ashland last week and had their photograph taken.

In the case of Frank F. Robey against the state of Nebraska ex rel. the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock company, error from Buffalo county, the supreme court affirms the judgment of the lower court and holds that the Union Pacific Railroad company is obliged to furnish cars to the grain and live stock company.

Council Bluffs (Ia.) dispatch: In a debate at the Iowa institution representatives of the Nebraska institute for the deaf and dumb defeated their opponents, securing a decision of two to one. Nebraska had the affirmative of the question: "Resolved, That the railroad system of the United States should be under the absolute control of the national government."

The Van Dorn iron works company declares that the state of Nebraska has not fulfilled the terms of its contract, and attorneys for the company, and the state appealed to the supreme court asking that the state be compelled to pay the balance claimed to be due on the new steel cells in the state penitentiary.

Henry T. Clarke is persistent in saving lands near Bellevue from being washed away by the Missouri river. Senator Millard received a letter from Mr. Clarke urging an appropriation of \$30,000 or \$40,000, the employment of a steambot and a pair of oxen to put in a cable from the shore to the center of the river, and after complete anchorage is secured to so load the cable that the course of the river will be deflected.

At a mass meeting called by the mayor to consider the matter of assisting the earthquake sufferers it was decided that Chadron would send to San Francisco one carload of potatoes or the equivalent in cash.

For the last two weeks implement men have been choosing locations for their exhibits at the state fair which will be held September 3 to 7, inclusive. Many concession seekers have been making inquiries of Secretary Mellor of the state board. Few inquiries of this kind were made last year until about June 1.

The Beatrice Driving association has made arrangements to add two stake races to their summer meeting program with purses at \$1,000 in both a trotting and pacing race.

Outside capital is beginning to get interested in the prospecting now going on in the vicinity of Table Rock for coal, oil and gas, and there is talk of the formation of a stock company to buy machinery, sink shafts and thoroughly test the matter, provided a sufficient number of landowners in that vicinity are willing to make mining leases, to insure 2,500 acres of land.

### RUINS OF FAMOUS \$7,000,000 CITY HALL.



This photograph of the disaster at San Francisco shows the effects of the earthquake. The most appalling ruin of the city government of San Francisco was in the destruction of the beautiful city hall, one of the most striking pieces of architecture in America. The photograph shows how the stone porticos had completely fallen away, leaving the frame of the tower. The frame of the stairway leading into the tower is clearly seen. Curiously enough, the beautiful figure at the top of the dome was apparently undisturbed by the shock.

### TEXAS SWEEP BY CYCLONE

SIXTY PERSONS ESTIMATED KILLED IN DISASTER.

Entire Town of Bellevue in Ruins—Fire Follows and Completes Damage.

Ft. Worth, Tex.—Thirteen people were killed and a number seriously injured by the tornado which Thursday night swept over the little town of Bellevue, Tex. The place is practically wrecked. After the storm had razed every business building fire broke out and completed the work of destruction. Only four houses in the place are reported to have escaped destruction or injury. The tornado covered an area eight miles wide and destroyed farmhouses and crops. The property loss will probably reach \$200,000.

Reports from Stoneburg say the cotton gin there was wrecked by the storm and several residences were damaged. No one was injured.

Among those who are known to have been killed are: R. L. Russell, wife and four children, A. D. Carr, Tom Mount, W. W. Bell, two members of the Gray family.

The seriously injured: Two daughters of N. E. Smith, of Bowie, Mrs. Galt. Mr. Gray and seven members of his family, two of whom have since died; Mrs. McGraw.

The whole business section of the town and all stocks of merchandise were destroyed.

The tornado was a mile wide and traveled over the earth for a distance of eight miles, leveling everything in its path, ruining crops and destroyed all farmhouses and barns on the way. Last winter many lives were lost in the same neighborhood by a tornado.

The inhabitants of the town are not only homeless, but without food or raiment, and utterly destitute.

### MINE SWALLOWS A VILLAGE.

Over Acre of Ground at Quinnesec, Mich., Disappears, Carrying Away Buildings.

Quinnesec, Mich.—Over an acre of ground went down with a great roar, carrying a number of buildings with it. It was thought for a time that the entire town would go. The ground fell 100 feet, and it was found to be a cave in over the workings of an abandoned mine. Considerable damage was done, the city water system being badly crippled. There is fear that the other parts of the town may fall. The mine workings extend under a good part of it.

Greeks Jealous of Americans. Athens.—The continued success of the American athletes in the Olympic games is causing some ill feeling among the Greeks, although on the whole an excellent temper has been displayed by the competitors and spectators.

Thieves Carry Away Safe. Columbus, O.—The boldness of thieves in Columbus was developed Friday when the police discovered a 1,000-pound safe belonging to Becker & Bros., general store and saloon three blocks from the store.

Slosson to Play Sutton. New York.—George F. Slosson, who won the world's championship at 18-inch ball line, two shots in, in the recent tournament, will accept the challenge issued by George B. Sutton, who finished second.

Harvard Musical Authority Dead. Cambridge, Mass.—Prof. John Knowles Paine, director of the musical department of Harvard university since 1875 and a well-known composer and authority on music, died suddenly Wednesday of pneumonia.

Manhole Explosion Starts Fire. New York.—Four persons were severely injured, a score hurt, two houses set on fire, horses maimed and street car passengers thrown to a panic when 25 manhole covers blew up near 9th avenue and 51st street.

Missouri Gets Shooting Prize. Guantanamo, Cuba.—The Kearsarge and the Missouri of the first battleship squadron of the Atlantic fleet have returned here from the target range. The Missouri has won the first prize for the best all around shooting.

### REFUSE TO MODIFY TERMS

OPERATORS REJECT PROPOSITIONS BY MINERS.

Content That Wages Are Fair and Quote John Mitchell to Sustain Their Claim.

New York.—The anthracite mine operators' subcommittee drew up a reply to the latest proposition of the mine workers for an adjustment of the existing difference in the anthracite fields, in which they refuse to modify their position heretofore announced.

The operators, after giving figures in detail, say that to accept the sliding scale of wages proposed by the miners would mean an increase in the price of coal to the public of 36 cents a ton. The present profit to the operators, they say, is but 20 cents a ton.

"We note that you say with reference to the hazards incident to the employment of the contract workers. No one can regret more deeply than ourselves the accidents to which you refer. That matter was fully presented to the strike commission and had due weight in fixing the existing wages.

"The conditions which have prevailed under the award of the strike commission have been as satisfactory as could be anticipated, in view of the magnitude of the industry. In one of his addresses last summer your chairman was said to have stated that at no time in the last 30 years have the wage earnings of the miners been as fair as they are now." In view of all the circumstances we are satisfied that the true course was indicated in our original proposition. This was that existing conditions should be continued for a period of three years.

"We trust that on Thursday next the deliberate judgment of the anthracite workers will result in an acceptance of that proposition, but if not that they will join with us in the arbitration we have offered.

"Failing to meet us on either proposition, the responsibility of a strike must rest upon you."

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—The anthracite miners will hold a convention at Scranton next Thursday in order to take action upon the reply of the operators, if any, to two propositions submitted to President Baer and his associates Thursday. President Mitchell made public two propositions, together with a request for another joint conference submitted by the miners' seque committee to President Baer and his associates. The first proposition asks for an increase in wages ranging from 5 to 15 per cent, according to the wages now received. The second proposition asks for an advance equal to two cents per ton upon the total production of coal.

### DOWIE'S HEART IS AFFECTED

The First Apostle Said to Be Suffering from Myocarditis.

Chicago.—John Alexander Dowie is said to be suffering from myocarditis, or inflammation of the muscles of the heart, and his condition is considered grave. His attendants denied that Dowie is in immediate danger. A physician, however, who had been summoned from Zion City, admitted that the "doctor" was an acute sufferer.

Dowie's attendants say he is making ready to march on Zion City soon.

Dowie is to be visited at the hotel by two federal officers, both over six feet three inches tall and weighing 200 pounds, when an effort will be made to serve a writ. It has reference to the involuntary bankruptcy proceedings started before Judge Landis by Attorney Michael Gess and Edward T. Fox, who are acting in behalf of Ransom A. Walker, guardian of the estate of Ethel B. Foley.

### PLURALITY PRIMARY BILL.

Illinois Senate Passes Measure Providing for 35 Per Cent. of Vote Cast to Nominate.

Springfield, Ill.—The senate Thursday passed the Stead primary election bill, amended by the senate primary elections committee, by a vote of 36 to 1. The bill provides for nomination of congressmen, candidates for the legislature and county candidates by conventions, the candidates receiving a 35 per cent. plurality to be the nominees. The others are to go into convention for delegates to nominate. Galpin's bill providing for nomination of city officers by primaries passed by a vote of 27 to 1.

### Paris Strike Situation.

Paris.—The strike situation has improved before the government's military and police preparations to crush disorder, and public uneasiness has been considerably relieved. Alarmist reports, however, continue to circulate concerning what may possibly happen May 1. One report says that Spanish and Swiss anarchists have succeeded in bringing 40 bombs into Paris.

Iowa C. E. Records Burn. Marshalltown, Ia.—All books and papers of the Iowa Christian Endeavor union, embracing 1,200 societies, burned Thursday en route from Red Oak to the new secretary in this city. The freight car took fire.

Hold Woman to Old Bailey. London.—At the Bow street police court Mrs. Violet Aubrey Tewkesbury, recently extradited from Paris charged with assisting her husband to pass worthless checks, was committed for trial at the old Bailey.

Fire in Ohio Mine. Sallenville, O.—Three hundred miners were thrown out of work by the complete destruction of the shafts and tipples of the Slope mines of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Coal company here by fire.

Shot Dead by Neighbor. Osceola, Mich.—While entering a neighbor's house, Walter Simmons was mistaken for a burglar and shot and killed by Mike Kinook. The dead man evidently thought he was entering his own home.

### URGE PENSIONS FOR SLAVES

Confederate Veterans Would Have States Reward Loyal Blacks Who Followed Masters to War.

New Orleans.—The total business of the sixteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans came to a close Thursday afternoon. One day of the reunion proper is left and that will be devoted to the parade of the veterans.

Richmond, Va., was selected as the place for holding the next reunion, the choice being made by acclamation.

The present officers of the organization were reelected by acclamation, there being no nominations made against any of them.

The reunion, viewed from a business standpoint, was very uneventful. The chief new measures of importance to be adopted were one which would recommend to the different states that pensions be paid to slaves now living who followed their masters to the war, and one which declares in favor of the setting apart of one day in the year by each camp of the organization for memorial services in behalf of the Confederate dead.

New Orleans.—Wednesday, in the heart of a city which has borne the brunt of battle and worn the weeds of mourning for its sake, the confederacy of the south was revived again by those who cherish it for everything that it was intended to be, and who will love it until they die for what it means to them and to the south. The tales of heroism, the sacrifice, the agony and the glory of the great days were told again to those who never weary of the story, and who cheered and wept by turn. No reunion was ever held under fairer auspices and none ever showed greater promise of success. The weather was perfect, the arrangements of the temporary building erected for the reunion were unsurpassed and the details of the vast work of handling the great throng of visitors was carried out with precision and care.

### BURN TO DEATH IN HOTEL

Two Men Perish When Building at Frankenmuth, Mich., Is Destroyed—Four Seriously Injured.

Frankenmuth, Mich.—Two people were burned to death and four others badly injured Wednesday night by a fire which gutted the hotel of Henry Goetz. The dead: Henry Goetz, Sr., father of proprietor of hotel; L. Hartner, a farm hand.

The injured are Anna Snelling, a dining-room girl, leg broken; Anna Reichle, a dining-room girl, shoulder broken; Mrs. Goetz, wife of proprietor, burned about head; Eugene Williams, burned.

The fire broke out at midnight and spread with such rapidity that the people asleep on the second floor could not escape by the stairs. The girl employees threw mattresses from the window and jumped out on them. Miss Snelling and Miss Reichle received their injuries in this way. The two men who perished were suffocated by smoke.

### CRAPSEY HEARING NEAR END

Ecclesiastical Court Makes Drastic Ruling in Heresy Case, Barring Defendant's Witnesses.

Batavia, N. Y.—The trial of Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, of Rochester, before an ecclesiastical court of the Protestant Episcopal church is nearing its close. The prosecution abruptly ended its case Thursday. The defense endeavored to present the testimony of a number of prominent clergymen as to whether or not Dr. Crapsey's saying constituted heresy, but the court ruled the testimony out on the ground that no man could qualify as an expert in doctrine and on the further ground that the witnesses were called to express opinions on subjects which were before the court for decision.

### NEGRO PAYS CRIME PENALTY.

Burned at Stake While Members of Mob Fill His Body with Rifle Bullets.

Dallas, Tex.—News of a lynching at Oakwoods has reached this city. The dispatches report that a negro was burned at the stake and that as he writhed amid the flames the members of the mob amused themselves by firing rifle bullets in an effort to cut off an ear or blot out an eye and thus increase the torture he suffered. The firing did not cease until the victim sank unconscious in the flames. The negro had broken into the house of a woman who lived alone and fought a desperate battle with her. His crime was discovered and a posse was formed quickly to capture him.

### Name Hobson for Congress.

Montgomery, Ala.—All returns from the Democratic primary election in the Sixth district indicate the nomination of Capt. R. P. Hobson, of Merimac fame, over John H. Bankhead, the present congressman.

### Engineer Is Killed.

Harrisburg, Pa.—J. F. Good, engineer, was killed, and C. H. Le Fever, fireman, and J. J. Wallower, brakeman, were fatally injured by the explosion of a locomotive at Ducklow Tower, Steelton, on the Pennsylvania.

### Checks Campaign Gifts.

Washington.—The senate committee on privileges and elections by unanimous vote Friday authorized Senator Foraker to report favorably the Tillman bill to prohibit corporations from contributing to campaign funds.

### Americans Held for Fraud.

London.—At the Guildhall police court, Franklin Everhart and Harry Samuel Simons, Americans, on charges of conspiracy and obtaining large sums of money by fraud, were committed for trial at old Bailey.

### European Leaders to Meet.

London.—King Edward, Emperor Nicholas and Emperor William will meet at Darmstadt, capital of the Grand Duchy of Hesse, during the first week in September, according to the Pall Mall Gazette.

### CONCERNING THE POPPY.

Having Tap Roots, They Do Not Bear Transplanting—The Beauty of Various Varieties.

The glorious and gaudy array of poppies make a brave marshalling under a midsummer sun. There is no floral sight more brilliant in color than a garden of poppies in full bloom. The petals are so thin and delicate no insect can alight on them, and the transitory nature of the bloom has caused the flower to be used by the poets to point the brief endurance of the joys of the senses. But like joy, they're worth having even if they don't last long, and no garden is complete without them.

Poppies have tap-roots and seeds must be sowed where the plants are to bloom. And they will bloom anywhere. Any place which would ordinarily be occupied by weeds may be safely given over to poppies. There are many kinds—the Shirley, Iceland, Alpine, Oriental, California—and they are all good; they are double, single, fringed, tall and short, annual and perennial, and they're all worth while.

Shirley poppies are perhaps the favorite. They are so daintily, delicately beautiful as to merit the term sometimes applied to them, "fairy flowers." The Iceland poppies are rather more robust; they are classed as perennial, but like hollyhocks, the seed should be sowed every second year. In this species are to be had the most splendid yellow flowers of the poppy family—if we except the Eschscholtzia, which does not actually belong to the same genus as the common poppy. Iceland poppies will bloom the first season from seed if started in the hotbed or house; the colors are white, yellow and orange.

To my mind the single poppies are far more beautiful than the double varieties, though many admire the big, peony-flavored kinds, some of which have their petals cut and fringed in a fantastic fashion. They are certainly very showy in the garden, as they stand fully three feet high, and give large, imposing flowers, often five or six inches across, produced in a very early season.

The Eschscholtzia, or California poppy, loves the sun and stands head like a little salamander. It, too, should be sown where it is to flower. It blooms freely and keeps it up all summer. All the poppies bloom more continuously if cut freely. They are not generally much esteemed as cut flowers, but if cut early in the morning, just as they are about to unfold they will open and last several days and new buds will soon replace those cut. The Iceland poppies are most esteemed for this purpose, and will last in favoring conditions for four or five days.

Poppy seed is very fine and difficult to sow thinly enough in consequence. A good plan is to mix the contents of a packet of seed with a teaspoonful of sand and scatter it on soil that has been raked mellow and fine, then press it in with a board. Sow as soon as the ground is fit. When the seedlings appear thin them so they will stand about a foot apart. If poppies are crowded they will throw up a few slender stems bearing few flowers; given room, they branch freely and produce more flowers and for a longer time. It has been said that poppy seed sowed in August gives richer-colored flowers than that sowed in the spring.—Michigan Farm and Live Stock.

### FOR THE GARDENER.

A Few Words About the Water Plant Called "Parrot's Feather" and on Planting of Seeds.

If you can get only one cutting of the water plant called "Parrot's Feather," it should have the roots started, but it will do very well without. Put it into a glass of water with about a tablespoonful of soil. At first it may seem to wither, but it will soon freshen up, and the tiny white roots will appear. Give it plenty of light, and when it is about three inches long pinch out the leaf-bud, and it will soon put out branches at each joint. When these are about three inches long, cut off most of them and root them as you did the first, until you have enough to start a hanging basket. The vessel used for the hanging basket must be airtight, though it will be enclosed in any pretty covering one chooses. Fill with water, with a little soil in the bottom, and plant your rooted slips. They will soon grow long and completely cover the sides of the basket, dropping over the sides. The whorls do not get brown unless subjected to more heat than the average living room contains. Late in the spring, if wanted in the yard, or on a veranda, put it in a shallow, cemented pond, or a tub, with attention to keeping up its water supply, and judiciously clipping of its long, straggling branches, it will soon be a large "beauty spot." It can be combined with other aquatics, and is a very desirable plant, requiring little care.

Seedlings.—Do not forget that you can raise your own palm plants, canna roots, dahlias, and many of the pot shrubs, by planting the seeds now; the seeds can be had from any first-class florist, at small cost compared to the cost of the plants themselves. None of these are hard to raise. They should be planted in window boxes, and cared for as you would any plantings, and the young plants will grow finely under the same conditions required by other common plants. Remember, too, that in order to have chrysanthemums next fall, you should start the seeds this spring. You will not regret planting a few of the hardy perennials of various sorts, as once started, you may have them in abundance for years with but little trouble.—The Commoner.

### Blind Student.

One of the most interesting figures in Harvard university is Edward Ray, a blind student who hails from a small country town in North Carolina. He has mastered the most difficult courses in higher mathematics, in geology, won a degree from the University of North Carolina, and is now working for the degree of M. A. at Harvard. Here he is taking some of the hardest courses in the curriculum, Gothic and Anglo-Saxon.